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SUBJECT: GKR OFFERS TO REIMBURSE MAP-FUNDED AVGAS DIVERSION

1. IN MY MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET APRIL 25, I RAISED AGIN WHAT APPEARED TO BE DIVERSION TO CIVILIAN SECTOR OF SOME 900,000 GALLONS OF MAP SUPPLIED AVIATION GAS AND REQUESTED GKR REIMBURSE USG FOR THIS LOSS. DRAWING ON AN INTERIM REPORT MADE BY ASD AUDITORS, I SAID THAT QUANTITY NOT PROPERLY ACCOUNTED FOR CAME TO 310 THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THAT REIMBURSEMENT SHOULD BE IN THAT AMOUNT. I STRESSED THAT FAILURE TO RECTIFY THIS LOSS PROMPTLY COULD JEOPARDIZE FUTURE MAP FOR CAMBODIA.

2. PRIME MINISTER REPLIED HE WOULD SUBMIT ISSUE TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOLLOWING DAY AND REQUESTED COPY OF SUMMARY OF AUDITORS FINDINGS TO DOCUMENT MY DEMARCHE. HE RECEIVED SAME UPON MY RETURN TO OFFICE.

3. TODAY, APRIL 26, PRIME MINISTER INFORMED ME THAT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AGREED TO REIMBURSE USG THE REQUESTED 310 THOUSAND DOLLARS. DETAILS WILL BE WORKED OUT NEXT WEEK. HE FURTHER PROMISED THAT GKR WILL USE ITS POWERS TO PREVENT FURTHER DIVERSIONS BECAUSE HE IS FULLY AWARE OF IMPORTANCE AVOIDING

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